

# Child Hygiene Policy

Due to the increasing evidence of plaque, tarter and cavities among children ages 5 to 17, the American Dental Association recommends a fluoride treatment every 6 months for every child. Unless specified, every child to the age of 14 will receive a fluoride treatment every six months.

Since we are unable to detect cavities between the teeth or decay without X-rays, we are required to take cavity detection X-Rays every 6 months on every child. This has become a liability issue among young patients and most insurance companies will pay for X-rays twice per year. The findings are as follows: A child seen every 6 months for their routine cleaning and no X-rays, cavities go undetected. The next routine visit, the child has X-Rays and then there are multiple cavities seen. Parents then believe we have under diagnosed and these cavities should have been seen at their last cleaning. Therefore, unless you sign a REFUSAL of X-Rays form for your child, each child will receive cavity detection X-Rays at every routine cleaning visit. We appreciate your cooperation and at your request we will gladly contact your insurance company to verify if you will have any expense for these X-Rays. The approximate cost of these X-Rays are \$28.00 to \$44.00.

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(Parent/Guardian Signature) and Date

Due to OSHA regulations and the comfort of your children, we ask all parents to remain in the waiting room during procedures. We understand some children are apprehensive about treatment, but it is easier for them to focus their attention and cooperate without parents in the treatment rooms. OSHA also requires every person in the treatment room to have on scrub attire, eye goggles, masks and gloves except for the patient in the treatment chair. Please make every effort to follow these office policies and allow us to give your children our very best care.